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We are meant to learn that our real
existence in the sight of God consists
in the right and not in the outer life.
The earnest and unknown life is often the happiest.—Farrar.

whole American people in other directions.

Now go to all ye who argue that two wrongs do not make a right. Protection at the expense of the consumers has enriched the manufacturer, but it has injured the shipping industry. Now, in order to be just, let the government take more money out of the pockets of the consumers and "compensate" the shipping interest, and the scales of justice will balance. A glorious principle! O benevolent patriotism!

But is Mr. Root quite sure that all the ends of justice will be met by the granting of ship subsidies? May it not be that other interests have been injured by the tariff, and will not the consumers be called upon to make "compensation" in these directions?

But what do the consumers think of all this? It is a question which they must seriously consider between this and the next national election. They are paying a bounty to support the protected trusts and the "compensation" they get is an enormous increase in the cost of living. Now they are called upon to pay a bounty to the shipping industry, and that will lead to other bounties, and of the end no man knoweth.

Benevolent patriotism indeed! The whole system is as false, foul, mischievous and undemocratic as the most radical paternalism could conceive.

Our Industrial Juggernaut.

In this progressive age we are going

along at such a speed and under such a pressure that we are paying very little attention to the safety of human life. In the current issue of the North American Review, Dr. Josiah Strong estimates that in 1904 we had at least 450,000 industrial accidents, not including railway and mining casualties. Added to these, railway accidents, numbering 94,300, together with 5,500 accidents in coal mines (not including other mines), we get a total of 500,000 accidents in the United States in a single year. According to this estimate, there are more casualties on our railroads than were on both sides of the Boer War in three years. Last year, says the writer, we killed on our railroads as many persons every thirty-seven days, and wounded as many every twelve days, as all our killed in our 2,500 engagements of the Philippine War. Taking the lowest of the estimates of industrial accidents, the total number of casualties suffered by our industrial army in one year is equal to the average annual casualties of our Civil War, plus those of the Philippine War, plus those of the Russian-Japanese War.

He then makes comparisons between accidents in this country and in Europe, and says that of a given number of men employed we kill and injure from two to nine times as many as do on the other side; yet an investigation of 13,000 accidents in Germany showed that 20 per cent of them were avoidable.

Human life is too precious to be trifled with. Science is exerting itself to find the means of preventing disease, and its accomplishments are great; the alarming statistics which Dr. Strong brings to public attention show that we must be equally alert to prevent accidents by which so many are maimed or killed.

The Caruso Decision.

The friends of Enrico Caruso are in-

dignant at the magistrate's decision against him, and claim that it was a case of blackmail. There is no charge that Pollicino Caini, who made the arrest, attempted to extort money, but Caini's attorney, in pleading his defense

that it is a great honor to Richmond to entertain such a distinguished gathering of men and women engaged in the noble and important work, and the meeting cannot but give an impetus to popular education in this city and throughout the entire State. It is also an honor to the State of Virginia that such a conference is possible, and it is a tribute to the character and intelligence of the State and to its educational worth.

These various meetings will be addressed by the most distinguished educators and friends of education in Virginia, the subjects under discussion covering practically the whole realm of popular education, and it would appear from reading the program that no subject has been omitted, and that practically every public educator of prominence is included in the list of speakers.

The Republican Program.

At a recent meeting of the Home Master Club of Boston, Congressman James T. McGlynn, an old-line stand-patter of Minnesota, declaimed in substance that "protection" was the highest expression of benevolent paternalism.

Mr. Charles H. Clark of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia stated that our prosperity and the influx of immigrants were due to the tariff.

Mr. James W. Van Cleve of St. Louis, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, said that he was in favor of ultimate revision of the tariff, but wanted nothing whatever done for four years to come.

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